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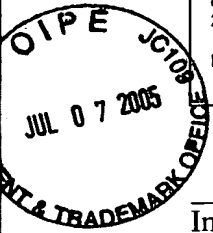
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In re Patent Application of:  
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Application No.: 10/609,505

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For: METHODS FOR MANUFACTURING  
CONTACT PLUGS FOR SEMICONDUCTOR  
DEVICES

Examiner: Lan Vinh

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the office action dated April 5, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.